



Newly installed CSA officers are from left Mary Heffron, vice-president; Ann Sweeney, president; Terri McGraw, treasurer; and Jane Daly, secretary.

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Theologian to speak on women in Scripture

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Sister Mary Ann Michele Shay, chairperson of the Clarke theology department, will participate in the College Misericordia's eighth annual institute on Sacred Scriptures August 8-13 at Dallas, Pennsylvania. Lectures given by Reverend R. A. F. MacKenzie S.J., Sister Ann Michele

and Reverend John R. Donahue S.J., will offer a response to the message of Vatican II which states "the Church is concerned to move ahead daily toward a deeper understanding of the sacred scriptures."

Sister Ann Michele will be giving five lectures under the general heading, Women in Sacred Scriptures. Throughout these lectures, Sister will be reinforcing the

same message that she teaches at Clarke: "God created man and woman equally, he redeemed us equally and has given us all the identical Christian Mission of spreading the Word of Christ." The primary passage she will emphasize is Galatians 3:28 which says: "All baptized in Christ are clothed in Christ and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female but both are one in Christ Jesus." Sister has an interest in the topic of women in the scriptures because she feels the scriptures have always been interpreted by men and that now is the time for women to share exegesis and interpretation if the full message is to be received.

Sister Ann Michele has asked to speak at the institute as a result of a lecture given to the Catholic Biblical Association on the above topic. Sister is especially pleased to be speaking with renowned Biblical Scholar Reverend R. A. F. MacKenzie S.J., and his associate, Father J. Donahue S.J.

Sister Ann Michele will be giving five lectures related to Women in Sacred Scriptures. They are 1) Flashback: Woman's Heritage 2) Women in the Old Testament 3) Jesus' View of Women 4) John's Insights and Paul's Ambivalent

New CSA officers detail plans, hopes

By Karen Thompson
Staff Writer

The new officers of the Executive Council were initiated into their offices on Sun., April 25. Ann Sweeney is the new president of Clarke Student Association. Vice-president is Mary Heffron, secretary is Jane Daly and treasurer is Terri McGraw.

"The biggest thrust of the coming year will be in communication," Ann said. She hopes for cooperation and real communication between all students at Clarke.

"A big factor in determining the outcome of the programs lies in the enthusiasm of the new officers. We are very fortunate to have a group of officers willing to work with one another.

"We seem to have more of a 'Middle-of-the-road' group—not a large membership from one select group but a representation of the entire student body. With this kind of leadership, it will be much easier to reach the entire student organization."

All four of the new officers expressed similar goals of achieving cooperation and communication. Mary Heffron, the new vice-president, hopes to bring the activities of the executive council closer to the students through a better program of relaying this information. A special bulletin board with an effective layout for the individual activities of each of the standing committees and the

results of each council meeting will give students a better awareness of these activities and hopefully, create more enthusiasm.

Jane and Terri expressed the hope that the enthusiasm shared by all of the new officers will be generated to all members of the student body. In working closely with the president, they hope that the ideas for the coming year will be really effective. The officers are particularly concerned with projects such as the Union.

Ann explained that there is still an outstanding debt to be paid which hopefully will be taken care of by class and CSA gifts this year. However, more money will still need to be raised for further improvements.

Because Ann and Mary are both involved in new student orientation, they hope to generate interest in the Union by making use of Union facilities for part of orientation programs, such as new student welcome parties.

Another major concern of the new officers is the tri-college effort. Ann and Mary plan to work closely with the president and secretary of the Loras student senate, Terry Hentges and Donna Metz this summer to coordinate a better program between the colleges. They hope for more cooperation especially in the Homecoming program by re-evaluation and ideas for improvement.

With this kind of spirit, we can look forward to a year of representation and leadership and better participation on the part of the student body.



Sister Ann Michele Shay
Teaching regarding Women 5) Women in the Early Church. In the lecture entitled "Flashback: Woman's Heritage" she draws on past views of women as expressed in a Hindu code that says a woman was never to be independent, but was to rely on and respond to her father, then her husband, then her sons. Chinese Taoism taught of two interacting energy modes: the yin and the yang. The yang referred to men, and portrayed a positive figure that was predominant and successful. The yin, on the other hand, por-

trayed a negative feminine figure that was inferior. The Judaic Prejudice regarding women is related in the old testament writing "From a woman sin had its beginning and because of her we all die," as stated in Sirach 25:24.

The lecture "Jesus' View of Women" is positive in its nature. Jesus always balanced his parables, if he told one pertaining to men the one following pertained to women. Christ showed respect for women by honoring their views and interests.

Sister Ann Michele concludes her lectures as follows: "It is the privilege of women in 1976 and the responsibility of men and women alike to rectify the injustice of the past and present, to re-define the role of women in the light of scripture re-discovered. It is necessary that we who are women see ourselves as those called to share our experience of knowing Christ as the Samaritan woman did—so that we can say to our townpeople: 'Come and see the man who has told me about myself—who sees me wholly and entirely in my womanhood.'

Sister is currently a member of the Steering Committee of the Iowa Educators Task Force on Teaching Religion in Public Schools, and recently attended a meeting at Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa.

around the dubuque colleges



Serving their classes as president for the coming year will be (from top) Carol Boyle, seniors; Margaret Corrado, juniors; and Sally Feehan, sophomores.

Two Clarke dietetics majors received appointments for hospital internships on April 7, national Dietetic Internship Day. The internship is a year of study and practical experience in a hospital dietary department which follows the completion of the bachelor's degree.

Peg Oberfell will intern next year at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Joan Smith will serve her internship at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. Joan was also one of two recipients of this year's Iowa Dietetic Association Recognition Award. Both are seniors.

Two other dietetics majors will apply for dietetic traineeships, an alternate route to membership in the American Dietetic Association. They are seniors Jane Klein Clemen and Sister Betty Jane Flesch.

Another food-nutrition major, junior Cathlin Hagerty has received an appointment to the Summer Extern Program at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Two Clarke science majors have received summer research appointments at national laboratories in Tennessee and Iowa.

Junior Gloria Zibilich, a chemistry and biology major, has received a ten-week appointment in the Undergraduate Research Training Program at Oak Ridge National Laboratories in Tennessee. The program is supported by the Energy Research and Development Administration.

Chemistry and nutrition major Susan Hippen, a sophomore, has been selected as a summer student trainee at the Ames Laboratory of the Energy Research and Development Administration in Ames, Iowa.

Sister Sara McAlpin, chairperson of the English department, has been elected by the Clarke faculty to the Clarke College Board of Trustees as a faculty representative.

Sister Helen Schneider, director of Music Education at Clarke, has been asked to serve on the Planning Commission for the Regional Music Educators' Convention to meet in Kansas City, Missouri in the fall of '76. Invitation to serve comes from Dr. Charles Hoffer, president-elect of the Central Division of the MENC. The meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri in mid-June.

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Linda Hansen, chairperson of the philosophy department, has been nominated by the president of Marquette University to membership in Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society. The nomination to membership is based on academic excellence, loyalty and service to her university and community to a superior degree.

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"Special Days," a poem by Clarke freshman Peggy O'Connell, has been accepted for publication in this year's Iowa Anthology of Poets. Peggy, of Dubuque, is planning to major in English.



Marian Norris and Mary Ellen Costello (senior class president) seem confident about their future after graduating from "The Woman's College."

Reflections of a senior

By Sally Senior
Guest Writer

For the faculty and underclasswomen, graduation time is probably considered just another traditional ceremony that one must go through in order to be officially initiated into the ranks of those who possess diplomas. But for the seniors themselves, this attitude gradually changes into the realization that they are now expected to truly assume the responsibilities that adulthood entails. This feeling is both frightening as well as challenging. For the seniors, their security blanket is being pulled out from under them. Hopes, fears, and expectations loom imminently before them. Thus, in an effort to escape, seniors turn to other diversions and amusements that aren't always academic.

Since each class is unique, let us

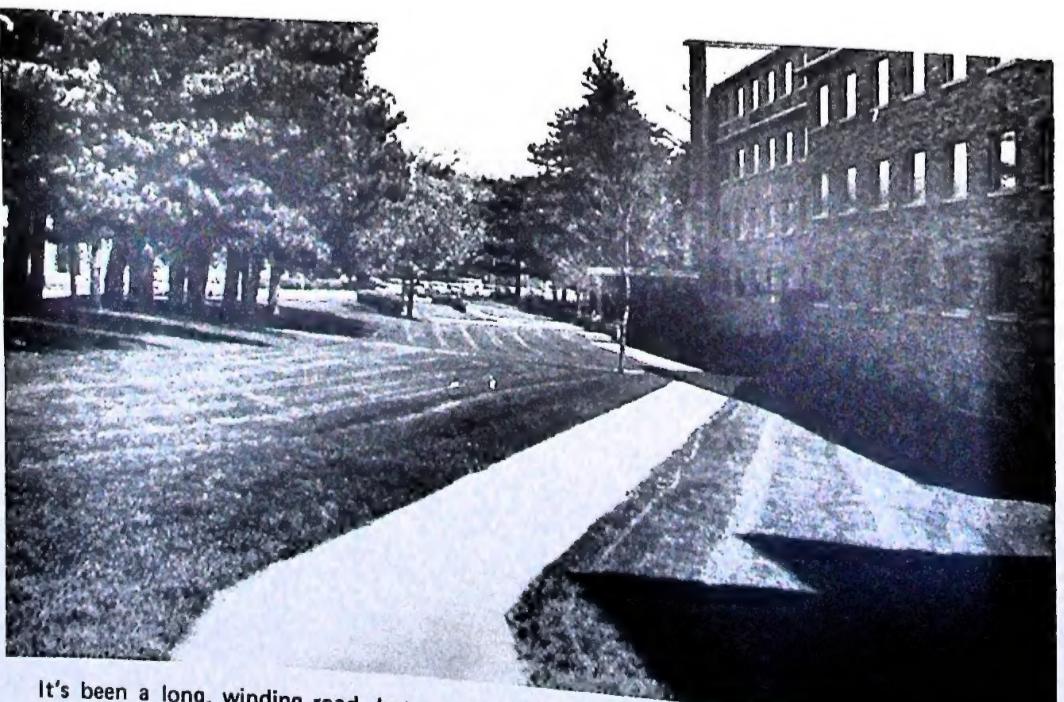
explore some of the qualities and characteristics of the class of '76. The fact that this year's seniors will be graduated in our nation's Bicentennial year makes them somewhat special, and, if nothing else, will help them remember their graduation date. When asked to specify the changes in student life at Clarke during their stay here, seniors cite liquor in the dorms, the dorm key system, the student parking lot, and the change of names from West to Mary Ben. Seniors vividly recall sneaking in liquor, signing in and out, and having to call their roommate to open the front door after hours. Baffled freshmen merely shrug their shoulders when they hear seniors refer to Mary Ben as West. Seniors are the only ones left now who remember the days when The Pub didn't exist and everybody crowded into the Avenue. The seniors also are the first class to have oval instead of square frames

on their class composite since 1922. Some people say that this year's class has expressed a carefree attitude on just about everything. At this point jobs, or rather the lack of them, is on everyone's mind. But seniors also figure that their last year's goal is primarily fun. Therefore, Wednesday nights out have turned into every weekday night out. Card sharks and sun bathing devotees abound. Stories of past escapades are being retold and attendance in classes is diminishing. This is all part of being a senior; or so the story goes.

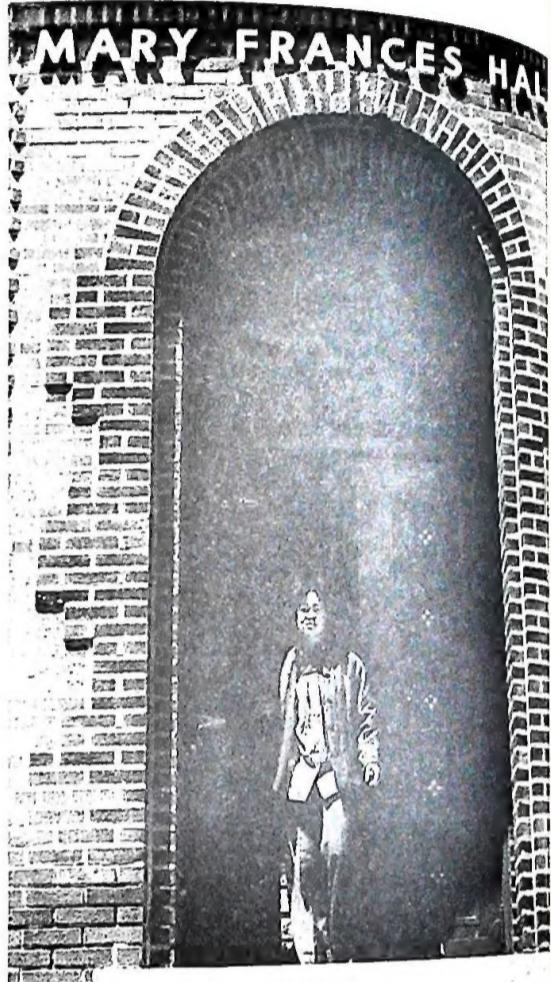
The seniors are now realizing that perhaps they were a little too critical and that things really weren't all that bad. The fact that they are almost alumnae has already hit some seniors but most will be hit on graduation day itself. Leaving friends and faculty behind is a sad thought but according to the seniors, none and nothing will be forgotten.



Dinnertime finds Becky Welein, Patty Avelleyra and Sandy Carlton discussing their student teaching experiences.



It's been a long, winding road, but now the seniors are finally ready to face the world with confidence.



Mary Frances Hall is a place of memories for many seniors, such as Edith Tow.



Jewel Spencer, Cathy Ficker and Margaret Manley, three seniors who graduated in December, received a farewell token from some of their junior friends.

Photos by Mary Beth Ryan

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By Carol J. Frahm
Staff Writer

This year's freshmen were offered the option of taking a course never before offered on the Clarke campus: LS 001-Introduction to Liberal Studies.

Originally to be offered to last year's freshmen, it was not because it was felt that the course's direction was not firmly enough outlined at the time it was to be offered to them. The idea for the course, which is aimed at initiating or continuing a search for meaning by the student, who as the course description states, is viewed as a "learner about self, about self in relation to others, about self in relation to the natural world, and about the ways of learning," came about in the Spring of 1975. It was nurtured by the Danforth Curriculum Committee last Fall, and finally became the brainchild of the faculty team which is now teaching the course to the 57 freshmen enrolled.

The interdisciplinary course (IFC), which fulfills an area requirement, but falls within no specific area, will provide ideas from all academic disciplines and from the learner in question and respond.

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